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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 12.

Please amend claims 6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 to read as follows:

6. (Amended) A cultured host cell harboring a vector according to claim 4.

10. (Amended) A method for identifying an agent useful for stimulating the biological activities of a mammalian IPAS polypeptide, said method comprising the steps
(i) contacting a candidate agent with the mammalian IPAS polypeptide according to claim 2; and

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